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SUBJ: MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP AIRCRAFT

REF:(A) KINSHASA 6843(NOTAL), (B) YAOUNDE 3120(NOTAL)

1. THIS MESSAGE IS TO CONFIRM CRASH OF MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP PLANE (REFTEL A) NEAR VICTORIA AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 TODAY JULY 20TH. CONSULATE DOUALA INFORMED JUST BEFORE 1800 BY MR. SCHEFFLER, AMERICAN BAPTIST FROM BUEA. DETAILS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, BUT PLANE ON FLIGHT FROM BALI(BAMENDA) TO VICTORIA. WE BELIEVE THERE WERE FOUR DEATHS, INCLUDING TWO AMCITS: GEORGE WALL, PILOT, AND MRS. SOVIK BRANDENBERG, MISSIONARY WIFE (REFTEL B), BOTH AMCIT BODIES REPORTEDLY IN BAPTIST MISSION VICTORIA. MRS. WALL HAS BEEN INFORMED AND IS IN VICTORIA. WE ATTEMPTING CONTACT MR. BRANDENBERG WHO CURRENTLY ATTENDING CONVENTION IN NAIROBI.

2. PRESUME MRS. WALL WILL MAKE DECISION WITH RESPECT DISPOSITION OF REMAINS. FYI COMEROONIAN REGULATIONS REQUIRE INTERMENT WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS. IF INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT TO BE MADE, THEN EMBALMING MUST TAKE PLACE ASAP. ESTIMATED COST TO U.S. GATEWAY MINIMUM \$3,000.

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3. WE WILL ADVISE AS TO NATURE OF ACCIDENT AS FURTHER DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE. PLEASE LET US KNOW PARTICULARS IF MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP REP COMING TO INVESTIGATE.

4. PLEASE INFORM GORDON OF MY PERSONAL CONDOLENCES. GEORGE WALL WAS A HIGHLY DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL WHOM I KNEW FOR THREE YEARS. HIS TRAGIC DEATH WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO ALL WHO

WERE ACQUAINTED WITH HIM AND HIS DEDICATION TO SERVICE.
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